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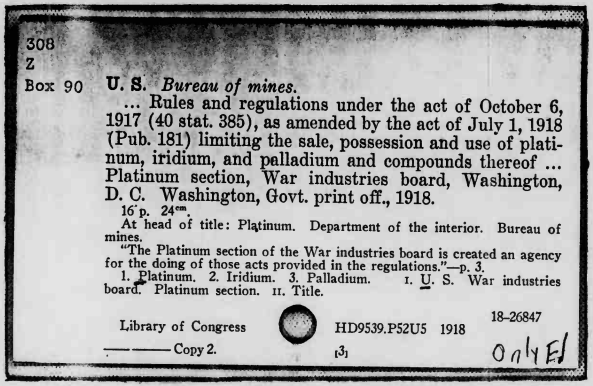

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF OCTOBER 6, 1917 (40 STAT. 385), AS AMENDED BY THE ACT OF JULY 1, 1918 (PUB. 181) LIMITING THE SALE, POSSESSION AND USE OF PLATINUM, IRIDIUM, AND PALLADIUM AND COMPOUNDS THEREOF

All communications regarding applications, licenses, inventories or other matters pertaining to the following regulations should be addressed to

Platinum Section
War Industries Board
Washington, D. C.

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FOREWORD.

Congress, under the Sundry Civil Act of July 1, 1918, made platinum, iridium, and palladium, and compounds thereof, subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of the Explosives Act, and the Director of the Bureau of Mines was authorized, under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary of the Interior, to limit the sale, possession, and use of said materials. In order effectively to carry out the act the following rules and regulations have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Under these the Platinum Section of the War Industries Board is created an agency for the doing of those acts provided in the regulations. On this Section the Bureau of Mines is represented.

The following rules and regulations have been prepared with much care and labor by a committee consisting of Messrs. Hennen Jennings, Bureau of Mines, chairman; C. L. Parsons, Bureau of Mines; C. H. Conner, War Industries Board; J. M. Hill, United States Geological Survey; and W. F. Hillebrand, Bureau of Standards.

It is desired that the trade shall be disturbed as little as possible. The main object of this legislation, however, and of the regulations thereunder, is to assist the Government in developing an adequate supply of these necessary metals. The cooperation of all citizens in the enforcement of these regulations is earnestly requested.

REGULATIONS.

The following regulations are hereby promulgated under the provisions of the act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat., 385), as amended by the act of July 1, 1918 (Public, No. 181), authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Mines, under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary of the Interior, to limit, during the period of the war, the sale, possession, and use of platinum, iridium, and palladium, and compounds thereof:

SECTION I. The War Industries Board is hereby designated under section 21 of the act of October 6, 1917, and the President's proclamation of October 26, 1917, as the agent of the Director of the Bureau of Mines in the execution of the regulations as hereinafter indicated.

SEC. II. From and after the date of these regulations, under the penalties prescribed by section 19 of the act of October 6, 1917,[a] no person[b] shall:

PAR. a. Use any platinum or platinum scrap, iridium, or iridium scrap, palladium or palladium scrap, and/or compounds thereof, in

[a] Section 19 of the act of Oct. 6, 1917, is as follows:
"That any person violating any of the provisions of this act, or any rules or regulations made thereunder, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000, or by imprisonment not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

[b] The word "person," for the purposes of these regulations, shall be construed in accordance with the definition contained in section 4 of the act of Oct. 6, 1917, which is as follows:
"That the word 'person' when used herein shall include States, Territories, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and other dependencies of the United States, and municipal subdivisions thereof, individual citizens, firms, associations, societies, and corporations of the United States and of other countries at peace with the United States."

the manufacture, alteration, or repair of any ornament or article of jewelry.

PAR. b. Manufacture for use in dentistry any metal, metal parts, or alloys containing more than 20 per cent by weight of platinum or 40 per cent by weight of platinum, iridium, and/or palladium combined, or manufacture supplies therefrom.

SEC. III. From and after the date of these regulations, under the penalties prescribed by section 19 of the act of October 6, 1917, no person shall without a license—

PAR. a. Purchase, sell, barter, or deal in unmanufactured platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof (including crude, scrap, filings, polishings, or sweeps), except that sales may be made without a license to an authorized agent of the United States or to a licensee authorized to purchase the same; or possess for more than 90 days after the date of these regulations one ounce troy, or more, of such unmanufactured platinum, iridium, palladium, or compounds thereof.

PAR. b. Possess, use, sell, purchase, or barter, for purposes connected with his business, platinum, iridium, palladium, or compounds thereof (except that sales may be made without license to an authorized agent of the United States, or to a licensee authorized to purchase the same), if such person be engaged in—

No. 1. Producing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof, by mining.

No. 2. Producing sulphuric acid, nitric acid, or other chemical products where platinum, iridium, palladium, or compounds thereof are used in such production.

No. 3. Importing or exporting platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof.

No. 4. Producing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof, either as a primary product or as a by-product of smelting or refining.

No. 5. Manufacturing electrical appliances and/or parts thereof containing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof.

No. 6. Manufacturing surgical appliances and X-ray apparatus containing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof.

No. 7. Manufacturing chemical apparatus and reagents of all kinds containing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof.

No. 8. Conducting or operating chemical laboratories in which platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof, are used.

No. 9. Manufacturing scientific instruments containing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof.

No. 10. Manufacturing and/or distributing dental supplies containing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof.

No. 11. Manufacturing and/or dealing in jewelry containing platinum, iridium, or palladium or compounds thereof.

No. 12. Manufacturing or producing any article or product not mentioned above where such business requires more than one ounce troy per month of platinum, iridium, or palladium or compounds thereof.

SEC. IV. Applications for licenses shall be made under oath to any licensing agent duly authorized under the act of October 6, 1917, as provided in the regulations issued under this act.

SEC. V. Every applicant for a license will be required to submit with his application a sworn inventory of all platinum, iridium or palladium or compounds thereof in his possession or control; and every licensee will be required to submit at such times as may be designated by the War Industries Board a sworn inventory of his holdings of platinum, iridium, or palladium or compounds thereof in whatever form they may be.

The Director of the Bureau of Mines, at the request of the War Industries Board, may at any time require from any user or possessor a detailed sworn inventory of any and all materials held by him containing platinum, iridium, palladium or compounds thereof, and such inventory must be furnished promptly upon receipt of such requirement.

SEC. VI. All licenses shall be issued in the name of the Director of the Bureau of Mines and countersigned and delivered by the War Industries Board, and shall be, and remain subject to the following conditions:

PAR. a. Each license shall contain such appropriate conditions as the Bureau of Mines, through the War Industries Board, may impose.

PAR. b. The Bureau of Mines through the War Industries Board may change the conditions of the license from time to time, as it may deem necessary.

PAR. c. Records shall be kept by each licensee of all his sales, purchases and other transfers of platinum, iridium or palladium or compounds thereof, and of articles containing platinum, iridium, or palladium or compounds thereof, with the names and addresses of the purchasers, sellers, and/or transferees, and the quantities involved, which records shall be open at all reasonable times to the duly authorized representative of the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

PAR. d. Any and all platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof, acquired under the authority of such license shall be used strictly for the purposes and in the manner stated in such license.

PAR. e. Upon request of the War Industries Board, the licensee shall report the prices at which sales of his products containing platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof, are being made, and the right to prohibit further sale of such articles at prices deemed exorbitant by it is reserved to the War Industries Board.

SEC. VII. Any licenses issued hereunder may be revoked for violation of any of these regulations, or for violation of any of the conditions contained in such license, or if such revocation is deemed necessary or advisable for purposes of the national security and common defense.

SEC. VIII. The War Industries Board will, upon request, furnish a list of Government agents or licensees authorized to purchase platinum, iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof. Neither the United States nor its representatives will assume any responsibility, financial or otherwise, where sales are made to licensees.

SEC. IX. The prices at which platinum, iridium, or palladium will be purchased by a duly authorized agent of the United States or by such licensee as may be authorized to purchase or sell platinum,

iridium, or palladium, or compounds thereof, will be such prices as may be determined by the proper governmental agency authorized to determine such prices.

SEC. X. Whenever such Government agents and such licensees as may be authorized to purchase platinum, iridium, or palladium or compounds thereof, shall refuse to purchase the same from any person who is compelled by these regulations to sell the same, or is forbidden by these regulations to possess or use the same, then such person shall promptly notify the Platinum Section, War Industries Board, Washington, D. C.

SEC. XI. These regulations shall not operate to relieve any person upon whom an order requisitioning platinum, iridium, or palladium or compounds thereof may have been or may hereafter be served, from any obligation imposed upon him by such order.

SEC. XII. These regulations are supplemental and amendatory to the regulations heretofore issued under the Explosives Act of October 6, 1917.

VAN. H. MANNING,
Director of Bureau of Mines.

Approved, August 17, 1918.

FRANKLIN K. LANE,
Secretary of the Interior.

LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS.

PLATINUM, IRIDIUM, AND PALLADIUM, OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF.

No. 1. To produce and possess for a reasonable time, platinum, iridium, and palladium, or compounds thereof, by mining. (See section III, par. a. of Rules and Regulations regarding Sale.)

No. 2. To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium, or compounds thereof, for the production of nitric acid, sulphuric acid, or other chemical products, in a sufficient amount to cover their current requirements.

No. 3. To import[a] and possess, for a reasonable time, platinum, iridium and palladium, or compounds thereof. (See section III, par. a, of Rules and Regulations regarding Sale.)

No. 4. To purchase in any form which requires refining or smelting, and to possess for a reasonable time, the platinum, iridium and palladium produced as a primary product or as a by-product of the smelting or refining. (See section III, par. A, of Rules and Regulations regarding Sale.)

No. 5. To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof, for the purpose of manufacturing electrical appliances and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*a*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof, in an amount equivalent to their known 30-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing electrical appliances, and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*b*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium, and/or compounds thereof, in an amount equivalent to their known 60-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing electrical appliances and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*c*) To purchase, possess, and use platinum, iridium and palladium, and/or compounds thereof, in an amount equivalent to their known 90-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing electrical appliances and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

No. 6. To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium, and/or compounds thereof, for the purpose of manufacturing surgical appliances and X-ray apparatus and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*a*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof, in an amount equivalent to their known 30-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing surgical appliances and X-ray apparatus and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

[a] Export licenses will be issued by the War Trade Board.

(*b*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 60-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing surgical appliances and X-ray apparatus and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*c*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 90-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing surgical appliances and X-ray apparatus and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

No. 7. To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof for the purpose of manufacturing and repairing chemical apparatus and/or parts thereof and manufacturing reagents of all kinds, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*a*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 30-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing and repairing chemical apparatus and/or parts thereof and manufacturing reagents of all kinds, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*b*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 60-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing and repairing chemical apparatus and/or parts thereof and manufacturing reagents of all kinds, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*c*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 90-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing and repairing chemical apparatus and/or parts thereof and manufacturing reagents of all kinds, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

No. 8. To purchase, possess and use chemical apparatus of all kinds containing platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof. (See section III, par. a, of Rules and Regulations regarding Sale.)

No. 9. To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof for the purpose of manufacturing scientific instruments and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*a*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 30-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing scientific instruments and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*b*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 60-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing scientific instruments and/or parts thereof, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*c*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known

90-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing scientific instruments and/or parts thereof and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

No. 10. To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof for the purpose of manufacturing dental supplies and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*a*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 30-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing dental supplies and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*b*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 60-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing dental supplies and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

(*c*) To purchase, possess and use platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof in an amount equivalent to their known 90-day requirements for the purpose of manufacturing dental supplies, and to possess and sell such manufactured articles produced therefrom.

No. 10-x. To purchase and possess and to sell to dentists (upon their certification that they will not possess more than a 30-day requirement, excepting artificial teeth), dental supplies containing platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof.

(*a*) To purchase and possess in an amount equivalent to their known 30-day requirements and to sell to dentists (upon their certification that they will not possess more than a 30-day requirement, excepting artificial teeth), dental supplies containing platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof.

(*b*) To purchase and possess in an amount equivalent to their known 60-day requirements and to sell to dentists (upon their certification that they will not possess more than a 60-day requirement, excepting artificial teeth), dental supplies containing platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof.

(*c*) To purchase and possess in an amount equivalent to their known 90-day requirements and to sell to dentists (upon their certification that they will not possess more than a 90-day requirement, excepting artificial teeth), dental supplies containing platinum, iridium and palladium and/or compounds thereof.

No. 11. To purchase, possess and sell articles of jewelry and ornaments containing platinum, iridium and/or palladium not manufactured in violation of the regulations governing these classifications.

No. 12. Special cases.

No. 13. To purchase and possess scrap, filings, polishings and sweeps containing platinum, iridium or palladium for resale to the United States Government or to licensees authorized to purchase same.

APPENDIX.

[PUBLIC—No. 68—65TH CONGRESS.]

[H. R. 3932.]

An Act To prohibit the manufacture, distribution, storage, use, and possession in time of war of explosives, providing regulations for the safe manufacture, distribution, storage, use, and possession of the same, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when the United States is at war it shall be unlawful to manufacture, distribute, store, use, or possess powder, explosives, blasting supplies, or ingredients thereof, in such manner as to be detrimental to the public safety, except as in this act provided.

SEC. 2. That the words "explosive" and "explosives" when used herein shall mean gunpowders, powders used for blasting, all forms of high explosives, blasting materials, fuses, detonators, and other detonating agents, smokeless powders, and any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that contains any oxidizing and combustible units, or other ingredients, in such proportions, quantities, or packing that ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or by detonation of, or any part of the compound or mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of destroying life or limb, but shall not include small arms or shotgun cartridges: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the manufacture, under the authority of the Government, of explosives for, their sale to, or their possession by the military or naval service of the United States of America.

SEC. 3. That the word "ingredients" when used herein shall mean the materials and substances capable by combination of producing one or more of the explosives mentioned in section one hereof.

SEC. 4. That the word "person" when used herein shall include States, Territories, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and other dependencies of the United States, and municipal subdivisions thereof, individual citizens, firms, associations, societies, and corporations of the United States and of other countries at peace with the United States.

SEC. 5. That from and after forty days after the passage and approval of this act no person shall have in his possession or purchase, accept, receive, sell, give, barter, or otherwise dispose of or procure explosives, or ingredients, except as provided in this act: *Provided*, That the purchase or possession of said ingredients when purchased or held in small quantities and not used or intended to be used in the manufacture of explosives are not subject to the provisions of this act: *Provided further*, That the superintendent, fore-

man, or other duly authorized employee at a mine, quarry, or other work may, when licensed so to do, sell or issue to any workman under him such an amount of explosives or ingredients as may be required by that workman in the performance of his duties, and the workman may purchase or accept the explosives or ingredients so sold or issued, but the person so selling or issuing same shall see that any unused explosives or ingredients are returned, and that no explosives or ingredients are taken by the workman to any point not necessary to the carrying on of his duties.

SEC. 6. That nothing contained herein shall apply to explosives or ingredients while being transported upon vessels or railroad cars in conformity with statutory law or Interstate Commerce Commission rules.

SEC. 7. That from and after forty days after the passage of this act no person shall manufacture explosives unless licensed so to do, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 8. That any licensee or applicant for license hereunder shall furnish such information regarding himself and his business, so far as such business relates to or is connected with explosives or ingredients at such time and in such manner as the Director of the Bureau of Mines, or his authorized representative, may request, excepting that those who have been or are at the time of the passage of this act regularly engaged in the manufacture of explosives shall not be compelled to disclose secret processes, costs, or other data unrelated to the distribution of explosives.

SEC. 9. That from and after forty days after the passage and approval of this act every person authorized to sell, issue, or dispose of explosives shall keep a complete itemized and accurate record, showing each person to whom explosives are sold, given, bartered, or to whom or how otherwise disposed of, and the quantity and kind of explosives, and the date of each such sale, gift, barter, or other disposition; and this record shall be sworn to and furnished to the Director of the Bureau of Mines, or his authorized representatives, whenever requested.

SEC. 10. That the Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to issue licenses as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's license, authorizing the manufacture, possession, and sale of explosives and ingredients.

(b) Vendor's license, authorizing the purchase, possession, and sale of explosives or ingredients.

(c) Purchaser's license, authorizing the purchase and possession of explosives and ingredients.

(d) Foreman's license, authorizing the purchase and possession of explosives and ingredients, and the sale and issuance of explosives and ingredients to workmen under the proviso to section five above.

(e) Exporter's license, authorizing the licensee to export explosives, but no such license shall authorize exportation in violation of any proclamation of the President issued under any act of Congress.

(f) Importer's license, authorizing the licensee to import explosives.

(g) Analyst's, educator's, inventor's, and investigator's licenses authorizing the purchase, manufacture, possession, testing, and disposal of explosives and ingredients.

SEC. 11. That the Director of the Bureau of Mines shall issue licenses, upon application duly made, but only to citizens of the United States of America, and to the subjects or citizens of nations that are at peace with them, and to corporations, firms, and associations thereof, and he may, in his discretion, refuse to issue a license, when he has reason to believe, from facts of which he has knowledge or reliable information, that the applicant is disloyal or hostile to the United States of America, or that, if the applicant is a firm, association, society, or corporation, its controlling stockholders or members are disloyal or hostile to the United States of America. The director may, when he has reason to believe on like grounds that any licensee is so disloyal or hostile, revoke any license issued to him. Any applicant to whom a license is refused or any licensee whose license is revoked by the said director may, at any time within thirty days after notification of the rejection of his application or revocation of his license, apply for such license or the cancellation of such revocation to the Council of National Defense, which shall make its order upon the director either to grant or to withhold the license.

SEC. 12. That any person desiring to manufacture, sell, export, import, store, or purchase explosives or ingredients, or to keep explosives or ingredients in his possession, shall make application for a license, which application shall state, under oath, the name of the applicant; the place of birth; whether native born or naturalized citizen of the United States of America; if a naturalized citizen, the date and place of naturalization; business in which engaged; the amount and kind of explosives or ingredients which during the past six months have been purchased, disposed of, or used by him; the amount and kind of explosives or ingredients now on hand; whether sales, if any, have been made to jobbers, wholesalers, retailers, or consumers; the kind of license to be issued, and the kind and amount of explosives or ingredients to be authorized by the license; and such further information as the Director of the Bureau of Mines may, by rule, from time to time require.

Applications for vendor's, purchaser's, or foreman's licenses shall be made to such officers of the State, Territory, or dependency having jurisdiction in the district within which the explosives or ingredients are to be sold or used, and having the power to administer oaths as may be designated by the Director of the Bureau of Mines, who shall issue the same in the name of such director. Such officers shall be entitled to receive from the applicant a fee of 25 cents for each license issued. They shall keep an accurate record of all licenses issued in manner and form to be prescribed by the Director of the Bureau of Mines, to whom they shall make reports from time to time as may be by rule issued by the director required. The necessary blanks and blank records shall be furnished to such officers by the said director. Licensing officers shall be subject to removal for cause by the Director of the Bureau of Mines, and all licenses issued by them shall be subject to revocation by the director as provided in section eleven.

SEC. 13. That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint in each State and in Alaska an explosives inspector, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Director of the Bureau of Mines, to see that this act is faithfully executed and

observed. Each such inspector shall receive a salary of $2,400 per annum. He may at any time be detailed for service by said director in the District of Columbia or in any State, Territory, or dependency of the United States. All additional employees required in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be appointed by the Director of the Bureau of Mines, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 14. That it shall be unlawful for any person to represent himself as having a license issued under this act, when he has not such a license, or as having a license different in form or in conditions from the one which he in fact has, or without proper authority make, cause to be made, issue, or exhibit anything purporting or pretending to be such license, or intended to mislead any person into believing it is such a license, or to refuse to exhibit his license to any peace officer, Federal or State, or representative of the Bureau of Mines.

SEC. 15. That no inspector or other employee of the Bureau of Mines shall divulge any information obtained in the course of his duties under this act regarding the business of any licensee, or applicant for license, without authority from the applicant for license or from the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

SEC. 16. That every person authorized under this act to manufacture or store explosives or ingredients shall clearly mark and define the premises on which his plant or magazine may be and shall conspicuously display thereon the words "Explosives—Keep Off."

SEC. 17. That no person, without the consent of the owner or his authorized agents, except peace officers, the Director of the Bureau of Mines and persons designated by him in writing, shall be in or upon any plant or premises on which explosives are manufactured or stored, or be in or upon any magazine premises on which explosives are stored; nor shall any person discharge any firearms or throw or place any explosives or inflammable bombs at, on, or against any such plant or magazine premises, or cause the same to be done.

SEC. 18. That the Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to make rules and regulations for carrying into effect this act, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 19. That any person violating any of the provisions of this act, or any rules or regulations made thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000 or by imprisonment not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 20. That the Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to investigate all explosions and fires which may occur in mines, quarries, factories, warehouses, magazines, houses, cars, boats, conveyances, and all places in which explosives or the ingredients thereof are manufactured, transported, stored, or used, and shall, in his discretion, report his findings, in such manner as he may deem fit, to the proper Federal or State authorities, to the end that if such explosion has been brought about by a willful act the person or persons causing such act may be proceeded against and brought to justice; or, if said explosion has been brought about by accidental means, that precautions may be taken to prevent similar accidents from occurring. In the prosecution of such investigations the employees of the Bureau of Mines are hereby granted the authority to enter the

premises where such explosion or fire has occurred, to examine plans, books, and papers, to administer oaths to, and to examine all witnesses and persons concerned, without let or hindrance on the part of the owner, lessee, operator, or agent thereof.

SEC. 21. That the Director of the Bureau of Mines, with the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to utilize such agents, agencies, and all officers of the United States and of the several States, Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and the District of Columbia, in the execution of this act, and all agents, agencies, and all officers of the United States and of the several States and Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and the District of Columbia, shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act when acting by the direction of the Bureau of Mines.

SEC. 2. That for the enforcement of the provisions of this act, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and including supplies, equipment, expenses of traveling and subsistence, and for the purchase and hire of animal-drawn or motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, and upkeep of same, and for every other expense incident to the enforcement of the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That not to exceed $10,000 shall be expended in the purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

The above act was amended by the sundry civil appropriation act, approved July 1, 1918 (Pub. 181) as follows:

Provided, That any license issued under the act of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, may be canceled by the Director of the Bureau of Mines if the person to whom such license was issued shall, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, be found to have violated any of the provisions of the act.

Provided further, That platinum, iridium, and palladium and compounds thereof are hereby made subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of said act of October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized, under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary of the Interior, to limit the sale, possession, and the use of said material.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, under and by virtue of an act of Congress entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, storage, use, and possession in time of war of explosives, providing regulations for the safe manufacture, distribution, storage, use, and possession of the same, and for other purposes," approved by the President on the 6th day of October, 1917, it is provided among other things that from and after forty days after the passage and approval of said act no person shall manufacture, distribute, store, use, or possess explosives or ingredients thereof, not including explosives for the military or naval service of the United States of America under the authority of the Government or ingredients in small quantities not used or intended to be used in the manufacture of explosives, and not including small-arms or shotgun cartridges, unless such person shall obtain a license issued in the name of the Director of the Bureau of Mines, except that any workman may purchase or accept explosives or ingredients thereof under prescribed conditions from a licensed superintendent or foreman.

And whereas, it is further provided in said act as follows:

"That the Director of the Bureau of Mines, with the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to utilize such agents, agencies, and all officers of the United States and of the several States, Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and the District of Columbia, in the execution of this act, and all agents, agencies, and all officers of the United States and of the several States and Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and the District of Columbia, shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act when acting by the direction of the Bureau of Mines."

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by this proclamation do announce the following:

That from and after the 15th day of November, 1917, and during the present war with Germany, it will be unlawful to manufacture, distribute, store, use, or possess explosives or ingredients thereof, except as provided in said act.

That the Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to utilize, where necessary for the proper administration of said act, the services of all officers of the United States and of the several States, Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and of the District of Columbia, and such other agents and agencies as he may designate, who shall have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of the said act when acting under his direction.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and forty-second.

[SEAL.]

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:
ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State.

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